(c) what are the reasons for delay in clearing proposals associated with Central Road Fund; and

(d) the expected date of clearance of remaining proposals submitted by Andhra Pradesh Goverment under the Central Road Fund Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Under the Central Road Fund, funds are released to the State Governments after taking into account total cost of schemes approved, funds already released, requirements projected by State Governments and the funds available during the financial year for entire country for the purpose. Against their demand of Rs. 11.01 lakhs, an amount of Rs. 11.00 lakhs has been earmarked for Andhra Pradesh during this financial year.

(c) and (d) As the actual augmentation of Central Road Fund against which the proposals were invited, has not yet taken place, the same have not been processed for approval. Soon after the actual augmentation takes place, proposals will be taken up for clearance.

Budhists' claim on Babri Masjid-Ram Janam Bhoomi site

2494. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI:

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent statement of Dr. Savita Ambedkar that the site of Babri Masjid and Ram Janam Bhoomi in Ayodhya belonging to the Buddhist community; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOFE AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) A case is pending before the High Court at Lucknow which, among other things would also decide on the title of the property in dispute. Government's efforts to find an amicable solution through negotiations will continue.

Extension of President's Rule in Punjab

2495. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President's Rule in the State of Punjab is likely to be extended as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 14th July, 1990;

(b) whether Government have already formed an opinion that they are unable to solve the Punjab problem; and

(c) if so, what fresh initiatives have been contemplated to deal with the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOFE AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) No decision has yet been taken in this regard.

Attempts for separating Tamil Nadu from Indian Union

2496. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that certain forces in Tamil Nadu are trying to get that State separated from Indian Union in connivance with certain reactionary forces of Sri Lanka;

(b) whether Government propose to take some steps in the matter urgently; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOFE AFFAIRS